

# Ohio State

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Seton Hall with 10 points. Nick Flaherty played stingy defense and added six points.

**Marquette 45, West Virginia 17**  
Marquette came out firing on all cylinders on Saturday afternoon at Sweet Home High School and had too much horsepower for the Mountaineers of West Virginia.

The Golden Eagles took a 17-6 lead into the locker room at halftime, with Joe Brady and Patrick Hartigan supplying most of the Golden Eagles' first half offense, with some of the scoring coming off of Mountaineer turnovers caused by Eric Duran's defensive pressure.

West Virginia's first half scoring came equally from Steve Zaprowski, Ryan Czerwinski, and Ryan Woods.

In the second half, Marquette spread the offensive production as Brady and Hartigan were joined by Jeff Calderon and Jonathan Hall, with Calderon going end-to-end on a couple of hard-driving lay-ins, and Hall finding his mark, draining a couple of 18-foot jumpers. The Golden Eagles also received great all-around play from Liam Hughes.

The Mountaineers second-half offense picked up as Czerwinski and Zaprowski tallied again, and Jacob Huber got untracked, scoring five second half points. The Mountaineers also got great defensive efforts from Steve Bunce, Mitchell Kozlowski, Austen Renzi, John Freda, and Billy Hartford.

Brady led all scorers with 30 points, followed by Zaprowski and Hartigan with six apiece, Huber and Calderon with five each, Hall and Czerwinski with four points apiece, and Woods with two.

**Seventh-eighth grade girls**  
**Stanford 31, Washington State 16**  
Krista Rasey scored 12 points and

led a strong team-rebounding game as Stanford's height proved too much for Washington State to overcome. Julia Collins and Laura Zaprowski each scored six, Morgan O'Leary had four, Megan Ducey netted two and Kaitlyn McKnight swished a free throw to complete the scoring for Stanford.

In addition to Rasey, O'Leary, Collins and Ducey were effective on the boards for Stanford as they limited Washington State to very few second shots.

Annie Garcia played an excellent all-around game for Washington State, scoring 12 points. Her teammate, Anna Pleto, was all over the court at both ends and scored four.

**UCLA 44, USC 35**

UCLA had one of its best games of the season in this 79-point contest. Playing with only six players, UCLA led the entire game against a very tough USC team. All six UCLA players scored in this game, led by Kristen Scime with 16 points and followed by Ivy Timlin with 12 points. Allison Leonard scored seven points with one of her shots coming from three-point range.

Lisa Harb started the scoring and ended up with four points followed by Jenna Cleland with three points. Rounding out the scoring for UCLA was Allison Leet with two points. USC's high scorer was Nicole Atkins with 14 points, and USC's point guard, Krissy Russo scored 13 points.

**Fourth-fifth grade girls**  
**Florida 25, Mississippi 20**

Caroline Ranallo scored a game high 12 points, including two fourth quarter baskets, to guide the Florida squad past a determined Mississippi team.

Florida's offense was hot in the early stages of the game as Hailey DeBiew (eight points) and Mackenzie Cutler (four points) contributed. Florida's good start was offset by the

defensive play of Nicole Rice of Mississippi. Rice's defense and rebounding helped the Rebels with extra offensive chances in the second quarter leading to a number of baskets from Erin Egan (12 points) and Grace Licata (four points). Mississippi closed the gap to 14-8 at halftime.

Although Florida received strong rebounding from Nina Vazquez and tight defense from the trio of Grace Florian, Hailey Rose Gattuso and Abbie Stone, Mississippi managed to chip away and trailed by only two at the end of the third quarter. This set the stage for Ranallo's key fourth quarter points.

**Florida 22, Vanderbilt 20**

A late fourth quarter surge by the Florida Gators led them to an exciting win over a strong Vanderbilt squad.

After Andrea Kiely's drive to the basket put Florida up 22-18, Vanderbilt closed the gap to two points on a layup by Hannah Feldman. Vanderbilt gained possession three times in the final minute with a chance to tie but the defensive play of Hailey DeBiew and Nina Vazquez secured the win.

The game was fast paced from the opening tip off. Mackenzie Cutler (four points) of Florida and Leah Neu sparked their teams by trading bas-

kets in the first quarter. The half ended with the Commodores holding a nine point lead.

Andrea Cohen and Nisha Divan each had a basket for Vandy to begin the third quarter. The Gators responded as Grace Florian (four points) and Liz Kline (three points) pushed them within striking distance. Vanderbilt led by six points heading into the final quarter.

Florida's comeback began with an Abbie Stone basket on a pass from Vazquez. The combination of Hailey Rose Gattuso and Caroline Ranallo combined for the next eight Gator points before Kiely's late basket.

## Braun to receive special honor

Amherst Youth Basketball will honor eighth-grader Russell Braun in a special ceremony on Thursday.

Russell, who wears a prosthetic leg, has been a member of the league since the fourth grade and is being recognized for his determination, hustle, hard work, and inspiration.

"Russell is a very well-mannered and very hard-working player," said his coach Bob Nusall. "His play is very inspirational for his teammates."

Braun will receive his award prior to his last regular game of the season at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center Gymnasium, 100 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville (near Maple Road).

Russell is currently an eighth-grade student at Amherst Middle School, where he is vice president of his class and is on the honor roll. He also likes volleyball and baseball and plays the viola. During his summer breaks he attends Pathfinder Camp for 12 days in Algonquin State Park, where he carries everything on his back while camping, canoeing

and hiking. He is also a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

For more information, call Cynthia Adams at 688-1538.

Amherst Youth Basketball (AYB) is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that provides a basketball program to motivate the personal and educational growth of its participants by providing healthy, challenging instruction and competition. AYB offers basketball opportunities for girls and boys in grades 4 through 12.

The league has established and implements a policy that provides equal playing time and instructional opportunities for every participant. The focus of this league is on player development and the enjoyment of the game. Good sportsmanship is a requirement and must be demonstrated at all times by everyone — players, parents, spectators and coaches.

Registration for next season will begin in mid-August. For more information, visit [www.amherst-basketball.com](http://www.amherst-basketball.com).

## Pee Wee White Sabres bruise the Bruins, 11-3

The Pee Wee Sabres kept their unbeaten streak alive as Dominic Cinelli, with four goals and an assist, charged through and took it to the Bruins Saturday night. Blake Carson was great in goal for the White

Sabres, only allowing three goals.

It was a total team effort by the White Sabres, as they were playing with a short bench for the evening. Scoring for the Sabres were Cinelli (four goals, assist), Max Fenter (two goals, two as-

sists), Adam Russell (two goals, assist), Dylan Scinta (three goals, two assists), Kyle Zurak, Nick Carrubba, and Gabe Feuerstein (assist each).

The game was a very physical one and the penalty boxes were busy as

both teams wracked up a total of 27 minutes in penalties. Defensive play was huge for the White Sabres as the Bruins were not giving up and kept coming, trying to get back in the game.

The White Sabres' Tyler Casselman

and John Moore were aggressive in their play as they fought for the puck and kept the rout alive. Brendan Mazurek played solid defense, although he sat out the third after receiving a check to the head in the second.

## Bisons tie, capture playoff spot

The North Buffalo Bisons Pee Wee Major team came from behind to tie Batavia last Sunday, earning a point and a playoff spot in the Western New York Amateur Hockey League.

Three third period goals had the visiting Ramparts reeling, but two Buffalo goalpost clangers failed to go in as time expired. Scoring for Buffalo were Josh Little, Oscar Ostendorf and Kyle Moslow with three. Assists went to Dean Arthur (Amherst), and two to Marc Bezbatchenko of Amherst. Jimmy Basil (Amherst) and Andrew Werynski (Amherst) played solid in net.

On Saturday, the Bisons lost to Rochester Youth at the ESL Center 4-0, as the home team scored on its first shot on goal in each period.

North Buffalo won two of its three games in the Richmond Hill Tournament in Toronto two weeks ago, yet fell short of a playoff position by a hundredth of a percentage point. The Bisons defeated North Toronto, 2-0, North London Nationals, 7-4, sandwiched around a 5-1 loss to the Kingston 5-1 completed a successful weekend in Canada.

Two weeks ago the Bisons won two of three games in the Richmond Hill (Toronto) Tournament, but fell a few hundredths of a point shy of a playoff spot. Victories over North Toronto 2-0 and North London 7-4, sandwiched around a loss to Kingston 5-1 completed a successful weekend in Canada.

Coach Dwyer said the defense is playing better, which should be a key in the WNYAHL playoffs. Defensemen Alex Lavarsa, Sean Basil, Little, Max Capizza, Mason Evans, and Austin Kneer stabilized the blue line, as the offense of Ricky Wiorowski, Bezbatchenko, Ostendorf, Andrew Rampado, Moslow, John Lenahan, Jordan Rusek, Arthur, JC Grabenstatter, and John Hettrick wore down the opponents with strong play line after line.

The WNYAHL playoff picture is not yet complete, and the Bisons will tune up at Niagara University Purple Eagles Tournament this weekend.

### Sports brief

The St. Gregory the Great Cougars eighth grade girls basketball team is 12-3 this season.

They rolled over Nichols, 40-24. They also defeated Christ the King, 22-21, and St. Mark's, 44-13. Krissy Russo was the leading scorer in the Nichols game with 14 points and Emily Tevens had 12.

Courtney McEachon, Kristen Przybyla and Maggie Kreuz had a combined four steals and three assists while Tori Krantz scored 12 points in a very defensive game against Christ the King. Caroline Niederpreum scored six points against St. Mark's, and teammates Margaret Christ, Claire Dirrigl and Rheanna O'Connor combined for 10 points.

## Flyers surprise Red Sabres, Picone shines in net

The Pee Wee Flyers put together their most complete effort of the season and relied on fantastic goaltending from Joe Picone to pull off a 3-0 victory over the highly touted Red Sabres on Sunday afternoon.

After a hard fought first period, the scoreboard was still blank due to the efforts of Picone and Red Sabres goalie Michael Heyden.

Early in the second period, the Flyers were the first to tally a goal when Lauton Rushford finally beat Heyden on a pass from Alex Cleland. The goal was scored while the Flyers were short-handed.

The Flyers' special teams continued to shine when Rushford scored his second of the game on the power play to put the Flyers up 2-0.

The game continued to be close throughout the remain-

der of the second period and into the third because of the great goaltending. The play was aggressive and the defense fierce as Mike Hourigan of the Red Sabres and Vinny Dirienzio of the Flyers made several solid defensive plays.

Finally, Jake Alessandra added to the Flyers' lead with 2:53 remaining with a shot from the blue line that eluded Heyden after hitting a Red Sabres player in front of the net. The play was set up with assists from Mitch Yoder and Stephen Soos.

The Red Sabres continued to fight to the end with constant pressure and a pulled goalie in the last two minutes. However, Picone denied them on every opportunity to preserve the victory and the shutout.

Both teams look to be putting the final touches to their "A" game as the playoffs arrive in a few weeks.

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